

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) In an ink cartridge comprising a housing having a top wall, a bottom wall and side walls forming a chamber for receiving ink, an outlet passage through said bottom wall for dispensing ink from said chamber, and a vent including an opening through said top wall for venting air into said chamber from atmosphere, the improvement comprising: said opening through said top wall including a cylindrical neck having an upper, outer end, said vent being a porous member resting on said upper, outer end to cover said opening and having cells sized to allow air flow into said chamber substantially equal to ink flow through said outlet passage, and a cap securing said porous member on said neck.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The improvement according to claim 22,~~ In an ink cartridge comprising a housing having a top wall, a bottom wall and side walls forming a chamber for receiving ink, an outlet passage through said bottom wall for dispensing ink from said chamber, and a vent including an opening through said top wall for venting air into said chamber from atmosphere, the improvement comprising: said opening through said top wall including a cylindrical neck having an outer end, said vent being a porous member resting on said outer end to cover said opening and having cells sized to allow air flow into said chamber substantially equal to ink flow through said outlet passage, and a cap securing said porous member on said neck, wherein said cylindrical neck extends inwardly of said chamber from said top wall and is surrounded by a peripheral recess, whereby said outer end of said neck is adjacent the outer side of said top wall.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~improvement~~ ink cartridge according to claim 23, wherein said cap includes a skirt extending into said recess.

25. (Currently Amended) In an ink cartridge comprising a housing having a top wall, a bottom wall and side walls forming a chamber for receiving ink, an outlet passage through said bottom wall for dispensing ink from said chamber, and a vent including an opening through said top wall for venting air into said chamber from atmosphere, the improvement comprising: said vent being a diaphragm mounted on said top wall and having a flexible portion overlying said opening through said top wall on the inner side thereof and having a second portion extending through said opening which secures the diaphragm to the housing.